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## SENT VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Katherine L. Adams Senior Vice President and General Counsel Honeywell International Corporate Offices 115 Tabor Road Morris Plains, NY 07960

Re:

Healthy Hoosick Water, Inc./Hoosick Falls, NY

Water Supply PFOA Contamination

Dear Ms. Adams:

Our law firm represents Healthy Hoosick Water, Inc. (HHW). HHW is a not-for-profit corporation organized for the purpose of responding to PFOA contamination present in the Village of Hoosick Falls. HHW's membership includes both residents of the Village of Hoosick Falls and residents of areas outside of the Village served by the Village water supply. It is our understanding that Honeywell International, under the identity of Allied or Allied-Signal, previously owned or operated facilities in Hoosick Falls that used, handled, disposed and/or released PFOA to the environment.

The former Honeywell facilities have been owned and operated by Saint-Gobain Corp. and/or St. Gobain Performance Plastics since approximately 1999.

In 2014, PFOA contamination was detected in the Hoosick Falls water supply. Further sampling of the water supply shows the continued presence of PFOA at levels exceeding EPA's guidelines for both short term exposure (400 PPT) and long term exposure (100 PPT). For your reference, provided are copies of (1) Saint-Gobain's TSCA §8(e) Notice letter, including sample results from December, 2014 and (2) sample results from June, 2015.

On October 19, 2015, we wrote to Saint-Gobain regarding this matter. We informed Saint-Gobain that HHW would proceed with formal notice requirements and then initiate a law suit

pursuant to the Citizen Suit provisions of RCRA unless a satisfactory settlement could be reached with Saint-Gobain which addresses this matter. A copy of our letter and the attached "draft" RCRA Notice Letter are provided herewith.

Following Saint-Gobain's receipt of our letter, we have been engaged in discussions regarding the possible resolution of this matter. At the same time, Saint-Gobain has been engaged in discussions with the Village of Hoosick Falls. Saint-Gobain has made verbal commitments to cover the costs associated with providing bottled water to users of the Village water system. Further, Saint-Gobain has expressed a willingness to cover the costs for the installation and operation of a carbon treatment system on the Villages' water treatment plant.

On Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Saint-Gobain's Attorney, Christopher Gibson (Archer & Greiner, P.C.), informed me that he had communicated with Honeywell regarding this matter. He suggested that Honeywell had responsibility for PFOA contamination in Hoosick Falls.

Following our initial conversation with Saint-Gobain, results of groundwater sampling at the Saint-Gobain plant site adjacent to the Village well field and water treatment plant (formerly Allied or Allied-Signal) were released to the public. See enclosed sample results. Those groundwater samples show PFOA levels as high as 18,000 PPT. Those results are comparable to the results detected at plant sites owned by 3M Corporation at which PFOA was manufactured and handled as free product.

As we have discussed with Saint-Gobain, HHW regards the PFOA contamination of the water supply as a matter requiring immediate action. That said it is also apparent that PFOA contamination has been present in Hoosick Falls for an extended period of time. Moreover, it is apparent that exposure has occurred via various mechanisms. Accordingly, a comprehensive resolution of this matter needs to include an investigation of the historic use, handling and disposal of PFOA containing materials at the Hoosick Falls facilities and a reasonable program for monitoring the health effects associated with PFOA exposure in the community. Both Saint-Gobain and its predecessors should participate in the funding and undertaking of these tasks.

As indicated in our October 19<sup>th</sup> letter to Saint-Gobain, HHW is chaired by Dr. Marcus Martinez. Dr. Martinez is a highly respected physician in the Hoosick Falls community. Further HHW has retained the services of highly qualified environmental consultants and toxicologists. Our goal is to resolve this matter as soon as possible with the development of a comprehensive plan that addresses both the immediate need for the provision of a clean water supply and the long term need for dealing with the effects and consequences of the historic contamination in Hoosick Falls.

As we indicated to Saint-Gobain, we are prepared to move forward with the formal initiation of the RCRA Citizen Suit process. Our preference is that all responsible parties and stakeholders undertake an effort to resolve this matter as soon as possible.

Please provide a response to this letter by no later than December 4<sup>th</sup> indicating whether Honeywell is willing to engage in efforts to bring this matter to an expedited resolution

Very truly yours,

NOLAN & HELLER, LLP

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DAE/lcd Enclosure

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